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**AIRCREW TRAINING,  
STANDARDIZATION/EVALUATION, AND  
GENERAL OPERATIONS STRUCTURE**

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This Instruction implements Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 11-2, *Aircrew Operations*, and must be used in conjunction with AFI 33-360, *Publications and Forms Management*. It establishes implementing guidance for lead and Mission Design Series (MDS) or aircrew-specific AFIs applicable to aircrew flying operations. It is applicable to all units assigned to or gained by major commands (MAJCOM) and HQ USAF direct reporting units (DRU) and applies to commanders, operations supervisors, and aircrews assigned or attached to all flying activities of these MAJCOMs and DRUs. This publication applies to the Air Force Reserve (AFR) and the Air National Guard (ANG). This publication may be supplemented at any level, but all Supplements must be routed to the OPR of this publication for review and coordination prior to publishing. Submit suggested improvements to this Instruction on AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*, through training channels, to AF/A3O-AI, [afa3oai.workflow@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:afa3oai.workflow@pentagon.af.mil).

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## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Adds new paragraph **6.2.1**, providing for delegation of AF/A3/5 waiver authority to MAJCOM/A3s for a limited period to cover specified categories of waiver actions. A margin bar (|) indicates newly revised material.

**1. General.** This Instruction prescribes basic guidance for aircrew training, standardization/evaluations and general operations procedures publications IAW AFD 11-2, *Aircrew Publications*.

### 2. Responsibilities.

2.1. The Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements (AF/A3/5) interprets policy and provides oversight for aircrew operations guidance and procedures. This responsibility is executed by the Director of Operations (AF/A3O), and the Director of Operations Force Management (AF/A3O-A). AF/A3/5 is the approval authority for lead, MDS-, and aircrew-specific AFIs.

2.2. AF/A3O or AF/A3O-A, as directed by AF/A3/5, is the certifying authority for lead, MDS-, and aircrew-specific AFIs. AF/A3O establishes and manages guidance for training, standardization/evaluation, and general operations procedures, through lead AFIs. Lead AFIs are AFI 11-202, Volume 1, *Aircrew Training*; AFI 11-202, Volume 2, *Aircrew Standardization/Evaluation Program*; and AFI 11-202, Volume 3, *General Flight Rules*.

2.2.1. AF/A3O-AI is the OPR AFI 11-202, Volume 1, and AFI 11-202, Volume 2.

2.2.2. AFFSA/A3OF is the OPR for AFI 11-202, Volume 3.

2.3. MAJCOMs, DRUs and FOAs establish implementing guidance and procedures.

2.3.1. The lead MAJCOM/DRU will establish and coordinate guidance with all user commands for aircraft of the same design series or aircrew specialty. AFD 10-9, *Lead Command Designation and Responsibilities for Weapon Systems*, designates lead commands.

2.3.2. All MAJCOMs, DRUs and FOAs will comply with guidance published in lead AFIs and in applicable MDS- and aircrew-specific AFIs.

### 3. Publications Structure.

3.1. The standard AFI set incorporates three lead AFIs and a three-volume set of MDS- or aircrew-specific AFIs. The lead AFIs are of higher precedence than the MDS- or aircrew-specific AFIs.

3.2. The three lead AFIs provide basic guidance applicable to MDS- and aircrew-specific AFIs.

3.2.1. AFI 11-202, Vol 1. This AFI provides basic training guidance.

3.2.2. AFI 11-202, Vol 2. This AFI establishes the Air Force aircrew standardization and evaluation program and provides basic standardization and evaluation guidance.

3.2.3. AFI 11-202, Vol 3. This AFI prescribes general flight rules that govern the operation of Air Force aircraft and provides basic operational guidance for the operation of Air Force aircraft.

3.3. Each MDS or aircrew specialty will have an MDS- or aircrew-specific AFI set, structured as follows:

3.3.1. AFI 11-2 MDS- or aircrew-specific, Volume 1, *Training*. This AFI will implement basic guidance provided in AFI 11-202, Volume 1, and will establish specific training programs, to include qualification, continuation, upgrade, and ancillary training.

3.3.1.1. Lead and user commands may utilize aircrew-specific tasking messages (or other procedures) to establish and implement specific training programs and requirements. Tasking messages (or other procedures) will be detailed in MDS- or aircrew-specific Volumes 1 AFIs.

3.3.2. AFI 11-2 MDS- or aircrew-specific, Volume 2, *Aircrew/Crew Evaluation Criteria*. This AFI will implement basic guidance provided in AFI 11-202, Volume 2, and will establish mission/airframe/aircrew specific qualification criteria.

3.3.3. AFI 11-2 MDS- or aircrew-specific, Volume 3, *Operations Procedures*. This AFI will implement basic guidance provided in AFI 11-202, Volume 3, and will provide MDS- or aircrew-specific operational guidance.

3.3.4. AFMC may establish a Flight Test (FT) publications set to govern AFMC flight operations. When AFMC is the lead command, aircraft operations procedures will be published in the Volume 3 AFI.

3.3.5. AFIs that consolidate multiple MDS-specific publications into a single publication are authorized with the following provisions:

3.3.5.1. The designated lead MAJCOM authorizes consolidation into a single publication.

3.3.5.2. Training, standardization/evaluation, and operational procedures are similar among the separate MDS, with few exceptions.

3.3.6. In addition to the standard three-volume AFI set, lead commands will establish other publications as required to provide specific guidance and instructions governing flying operations. Such publications may include, but are not limited to, flying fundamentals and aircraft demonstrations.

3.3.7. MDS-specific tactics and fundamental procedures will be published as non-directive tactical level doctrine, IAW AFI 33-360 and AFI 10-1301, *Air Force Doctrine*.

#### **4. Publications Supplements.**

4.1. MAJCOMs, FOAs and DRUs may supplement lead AFIs. Forward proposed supplements to the lead AFI OPR for review and coordination prior to approval and publication.

4.2. MDS- and aircrew-specific AFIs may be supplemented as provided for in the MDS- or aircrew-specific AFI. Forward proposed supplements to the lead AFI OPR, and the lead AFI OPR, in turn, for review and coordination prior to approval and publication.

#### **5. Publications Development and Coordination.**

5.1. Volumes 1 and 2 of MDS- or aircrew-specific 11-2 series publications. After lead and user MAJCOM/DRU/FOA coordination, send new or revised publications to AF/A3O-AI. AF/A3O-AI will staff publications for HAF coordination, certification and approval.

5.2. Volume 3 of MDS- or aircrew-specific 11-2 series publications. After lead and user MAJCOM/DRU/FOA coordination, send new or revised publications to AFFSA/A3OF. AFFSA/A3OF will staff publications for HAF coordination, certification and approval. (AFFSA may coordinate with AF/A3O-AI to accomplish HAF actions.)

## **6. Waiver Authority.**

6.1. AF/A3O may authorize waivers to this AFI for essential MAJCOM requirements.

6.2. Waiver authority for publications approved by AF/A3/5 is the publication certifying authority, unless otherwise specified in the individual publication.

6.2.1. By memorandum, AF/A3/5 may delegate to lead MAJCOM/A3s authority to issue waivers to 10-, 11-, or 13-series MDS-Specific and related Air Force publications, to include MAJCOM Supplements and related MAJCOM publications. Waivers are restricted to critical issues where significant weapon system damage, loss of life, or significant mission impact may result. Waiver guidance will be valid for a maximum of 90 days from the date of the waiver. Lead MAJCOM/A3s who have been delegated waiver authority must coordinate waivers with user commands prior to release and must provide an information copy of waivers to AF/A3O, AF/A3O-A, and the OPR for the parent AFI 11-202 volume or other parent governing AFI, as applicable.

6.3. Request waivers through applicable channels to the MAJCOM/A3 or equivalent. MAJCOM/A3s (equivalents) will forward requests to AF/A3O, or as specified in the individual publication, with an information copy to AF/A3O-AI (AFFSA/A3OF for Volume 3 operational procedures waivers).

6.4. Waiver authority for supplemental guidance will be as specified in the supplement and approved through the higher level coordination authority (authorities).

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**Attachment 1****GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

AFPD 10-9, Lead Command Designation and Responsibilities for Weapon Systems, 8 Mar 2007  
AFPD 11-2, Aircrew Operations, (pending)  
AFPD 11-4, Aviation Service, 1 Sep 2004  
AFI 10-1301, Air Force Doctrine, 9 Aug 2010  
AFI 11-202, Volume 1, *Aircrew Training*, 22 Nov 2010  
AFI 11-202, Volume 2, *Aircrew Standardization/Evaluation Program*, 13 Sep 2010  
AFI 11-202, Volume 3, *General Flight Rules*, 22 Oct 2010  
AFI 33-360, *Publications and Forms Management*, 18 May 2006  
AFI 65-503, *US Air Force Cost and Planning Factors*, 4 Feb 1994  
AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, 1 Mar 2008

***Adopted Form***

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*, 22 Sep 2009

***Abbreviations and Acronyms***

**AFI**—Air Force Instruction  
**AFMAN**—Air Force Manual  
**AFMC**—Air Force Materiel Command  
**AFPD**—Air Force Policy Directive  
**ANG**—Air National Guard  
**DRU**—Direct Reporting Unit  
**FOA**—Field Operating Agency  
**FT**—Flight Test  
**MAJCOM**—Major Command (for purposes of this AFI, includes ANG)  
**MDS**—Mission Design Series

***Terms***

**Aircrew**—As defined in AFPD 11-4, Aviation Service, the total complement of rated (pilots, navigators, combat systems operators, air battle managers, and flight surgeons), career enlisted aviators (1AXXX and IUXXX Air Force Specialty Codes), and nonrated aircrew (K-, Q-, or X-prefixed Air Force Specialty Code) personnel responsible for the safe ground and flight operation of the aircraft and onboard systems, or for airborne duties essential to accomplishment of the aircraft's mission. Includes members in initial formal training for immediate assignment to

an authorized operational flying position. Individuals must be on AOs and assigned to an authorized position according to AFI 65-503, US Air Force Cost and Planning Factors, or nonrated aircrew not in an aircraft's basic crew complement, but required for the mission. Aircrew members perform their principal duties inflight and their presence is required for the aircraft to accomplish its primary tasked mission. Duties must be essential to operating the aircraft or mission systems and equipment used for completing a mission, or other duties essential to the aircraft's mission.

## Attachment 2

## PUBLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

Table A2.1. Publications Development And Coordination.

ACTION (Days)								
Type	Author and Internal Coord (1)	Field Coord (2)	Resolution (3)	Edit (4)	HAF Coord (5)	Certification and Approval (6)	Publish (7)	Total
New	45	30	14	10	30	15	30	<b>174</b>
Revised	21	30	14	10	30	15	30	<b>135</b>
Interim Change	7	14	5	5	5	15	15	<b>66</b>
Guidance Memorandum (8)	7	7	5	2	2	10	10	<b>43</b>
Guidance Memorandum –Immediate Release (9)	1	1			1	1	1	<b>5</b>
Administrative Change	7	N/R (10)			N/R (10)	7	7	<b>21</b>

**NOTES:**

1. Author and Internal Coordination. OPR determines need for publication and develops draft. Draft formatted IAW AFI 33-360.
2. Field Coordination. OPR coordinates draft with user commands and obtains MAJCOM/A3 (or equivalent) coordination.
3. Resolution. As necessary, OPR reviews comments and resolves issues.
4. Edit. Final draft is produced and sent to lead AFI OPR.
5. HAF Coordination. OPR provides formatted final draft and AF Form 673 (showing user MAJCOM/A3 coordination) to AF/A3O-AT or AFFSA/A3OF (IAW paragraph 5). Lead AFI OPR POC will review draft for content and format and send draft out for mandatory coordination

as specified in AFI 33-360 (or return draft to OPR if changes are required). HAF coord time includes mandatory coordination and comment resolution actions, but does not include time to resolve initial content and format issues. Interim Changes and Guidance Memorandums require lead AFI OPR POC review, but do not require mandatory coordination

6. Certification and Approval. Lead AFI OPR POC provides final draft and signed AF Form 673 to designated HAF certifying and approving authorities.

7. Publishing. Lead AFI OPRs sends the completed AF Form 673 and final draft Word version of the publication to the Air Force Departmental Publishing Office (AFDPO) for publishing IAW AFI 33-360. Publishing times are approximate and may vary based on AFDPO workload.

8. Guidance Memorandum. IAW AFI 33-360, Guidance Memorandums expire after 180 days and must be superseded by a publications revision or an Interim Change.

9. Guidance Memorandum – Immediate Release. GMs that require immediate release only require HAF legal review and the approval authority's signature prior to publication.

10. Administrative Changes are non-substantive and do not require coordination.

11. All times are approximate and are for planning purposes only and are based on historical data. When/if future publishing processes change and conflicts exist, the guidance in AFI 33-360 takes precedence.